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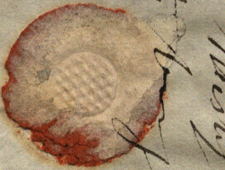

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 James B. Finley
 Ridgewill Warren Ohio


Received
 of the
 Pittsburgh
 Conference

Pittsburgh August 29th 1832

Dear Brother

Your letter overlooked me at Wellsburg
 attending our Conference: your letters — ~~are~~ are
 at all times welcome visitants. I had myself been
 indulging the hope that ere long I should see you
 face to face, but that pleasure is denied me.
 I believed it to be my duty to return to the Ohio
 Conference, and accordingly asked for a transfer.
 but instead of this, I am transferred to the Steubenville
District. and possibly the next transfer will be
 to the grave. We had a very agreeable conference
 upon the whole; and were much pleased with Bp.
 Emory's skill and management in conducting
 the Business of the Conference. We have an increase
 of over 3,000 members — And I am glad to say
 that I think this conference is improving in
 ministerial ability — zeal — and piety. The leaven
 of Radicalism is chiefly worked out, and now
 we pull together. We have given up operations
 in Uniontown Colledge at present, and have
 had a very warm invitation to patronise
 the Allegheny Colledge at Meadville Pa. The
 buildings of which are said to be worth sixteen
 thousand dollars; and the library twenty thousand.

for the present the subject lies on the table. Our next Conference sits at Meadville, and probably something further will then be done.

It would have gratified me much to have visited your Conf. but this is out of the question; I shall have a quarterly meeting for every sabbath from the 16th September to the end of the year. And cannot even go to see my Father, without doubling my appointments. We have had a considerable turning of things upside down, Bro Elliott is P.E. on Pittsburgh Dis. Bro. Coston on Meadville Dis. - Bro. Clark goes to Steubenville - Dr. Ruten comes to this place - Bro Brunson to Allegheny town - The church in this place is rising, our increase last year was about 120 - The property case is not yet decided, but as the Court sits next Monday, we hope that something will be done -

The Rads have had a peck of troubles too; some of them have fallen out with Hutton for preaching for the Masons - will not hear him and some of their leading men I hear don't go to meeting any where - so that between both stools they are likely to come to the ground - Alas! the blood of these men will be a sad reward for the zeal and diligence of Radicalism.

I want to hear from you immediately after Conf. And let me know all about your affairs, and how you do. Give my love to Sister Finley. And to the preachers -
H. B.

yours in love -

M. Browning